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Director's Meeting

Monday, 14 April 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Hedden, [] Col. White

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General Smith:

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b. Approved the appointment of Colonel Matthew Baird as Acting Director of Personnel "in addition to his other duties". In connection with this appointment, it was noted that all effort was being made to secure a permanent replacement for Gen. Davison.

c. Referred to cables IN 35054 and 35055 from Admiral Radford and asked [] to get him a report on the matter mentioned therein today. (NOTE: This has been done.) DCI directed that a cable be sent to Radford thanking him for his cooperation and advising him that we are proceeding along the lines he recommended. [] will draft this cable. It should be noted that it may not be necessary for the DCI to personally call CNO since the matter of Naval control of [] will be put to Admiral Fechteler through Admiral Johnson. [] advised [] this matter handled thru JNT.

d. Noted the item in today's Log concerning Maritime Training and stated that he desired that such training be accomplished on a cooperative basis between the Navy, Marine Corps and this Agency. (NOTE: This instruction has been passed along to Col. Baird who noted that he had previously discussed this matter with the DCI and was proceeding along the lines indicated above.)

e. Referred to the item in the Log of 11-12 April concerning [] and asked what action was being taken concerning his expulsion. Mr. Wisner noted that there was a possibility that [] had been engaged in "other activities" and undertook at the Director's request to find out what these activities might have been. Done

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General Smith (Cont'd.)

g. Noted the item in the Log of 11-12 April concerning [] and, after some discussion by Messrs. Dulles and Wisner as to [] previous and present activities, the Director stated that possibly the least we could do was to make him register as an agent for a foreign government if this had not already been done.

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h. Noted the item in the Log of 11-12 April concerning the coordination by Mr. Joyce of State concerning a statement for issuance []
[] Mr. Wisner explained that the request for private bills for citizenship mentioned in this item was a result of personal visits to members of Congress by []
[] in this country on temporary visas and such visits did not have the approval [] In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that this had been explained to representatives of the McCarran Committee by [] and these representatives had also been advised that in the event [] did desire to request citizenship for any of its foreign employees such action would be made in the form of an official request.

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i. In response to a query from Mr. Dulles, the DCI stated that [] would replace [] on the Board of National Estimates.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that the Bureau of the Budget wished to appoint a certain working level liaison officer with CIA and stated that (1) they had asked for our concurrence; (2) from information at hand this man was not acceptable. The Director stated that since Budget had asked for our views on this matter we should counter their proposal by suggesting that Mr. Schaub continue his liaison duties with CIA in addition to his new duties with Defense, assisted by Mr. Macy. Mr. Dulles undertook to pass this counterproposal along to Mr. Macy when he sees him at 10:30 a.m. today.

b. Stated that [] wants to go to the field and prefers North Africa. The Director noted that in this particular location cover would present a problem since [] was well known; however, on the other hand, if cover could be arranged, [] might work with []
[] who is a personal friend of the Director's. Mr. Wisner undertook to look into this matter. Done

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that the reply to Gen. Ridgway's letter concerning evaluation of intelligence and collection of O.B. information was being prepared. The DCI directed that (1) this reply be expedited; (2) it be coordinated with Generals Bolling and Weckerling. Done

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Noted that the monthly analysis of the G-2 of the Eighth Army "said some good things about CIA".

c. Noted that (1) we were very well covered on the Bolivian Revolution; (2) this matter had been discussed with Eddie Miller of State some two months ago and he had made certain comments in connection therewith. The DCI stated that we should always ask for such comments in writing. Mr. Wisner noted that there was a memorandum of conversation on the above discussion with Mr. Miller. In connection with the Revolution, Mr. Wisner also noted that it appears that the Revolutionaries have won out and that they were anti-U.S. and pro-Argentine.

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that he was speaking at the Armed Forces Staff College on 17 April.

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b. Reported that in connection with the temporary assignment of S. S. 15-52 [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] had indicated that he preferred to withhold decision on this matter until such time as he had an opportunity to examine the present staff [redacted]. The Director stated that we should go ahead with the employment of [redacted] and possibly after he was here there might be opportunity to send him "on an inspection trip" [redacted] 25X1

c. Noted that he had prepared for the Director a brief summary of the most important intelligence items which had been received during the DCI's absence.



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